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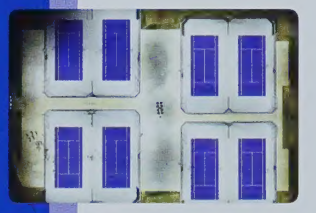

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Jane Hulon Sims

It is amazing to think that I am in the middle of my third year as president of Copiah-Lincoln Community College. Serving as a college president has always been one of my career goals, and I can honestly say that I have been truly blessed to serve here at Co-Lin.

Although this has been a most unusual year, there has been a lot going on at the college. A great deal of our focus has been on COVID-19, but we were still able to get major things accomplished. I was so proud of our Co-Lin family as we met the challenges that COVID-19 presented. We have implemented protocols to provide a safe learning environment for our students and a safe working environment for our employees.

Institutional growth is the underlying goal of everything we do. Every progressive step taken provides a new opportunity to reach a prospective student. Each upgrade will impact students of today and will be in place for many students of tomorrow.

We are excited to announce we have completed Phase One and Phase Two of our Three-Phase Comprehensive Athletic Facilities Upgrade Plan. We were eager to show off the new digital scoreboard at Stone Stadium. We were also extremely proud for our men's and women's tennis teams to occupy the courts at the new eight-court tennis complex.

In addition to athletic facilities, we opened the new Career-Technical building at the Simpson County Center, and we are seeing much progress on the Diesel Lab project at the Natchez Campus. Finally, I am happy to announce the completion of the new president's home on the Wesson Campus and look forward to an open house as soon as it is safe.

As you can tell, it has been very busy fall semester. I still believe that the future of Co-Lin is extremely bright, and Co-Lin remains "The Place to Be."

Jane G. Hulon

It is my honor and privilege to serve for the next two years as your president of the Alumni Association at Co-Lin. I am looking forward to working with Angela Furr, Anna Grider and their team.

I have always felt that I was blessed to grow up in Wesson near Co-Lin and attend high school on the college campus, all the while in anticipation of attending Co-Lin once out of high school. I graduated Co-Lin in 1979 and made hundreds of friends and acquaintances through those years. I have always spoken highly of those I met and those I had as instructors. I still regard those school years as some of the best of my life. I now have the pride of having all of my children attend Co-Lin as well. This includes Adam (May '16), his wife Rebecca Ellzey (May '16), Laci (May '19), and Joshua (December '19). I am looking forward to the next generation to come along and do the same.

I believe that each of us that attended or graduated Co-Lin should feel that same pride of being Co-Lin Alumni. I challenge each of you to get more involved with your classmates and participate in the activities that are scheduled for you. Increase your efforts, your time and support by joining the Alumni Association and paying alumni dues.

Please give me a call at any time if you have any feedback or suggestions that might be of help to YOUR Co-Lin. Also, reach out to the Foundation | Alumni office directly. There are many ways to do so. You can call the office at 601-643-8313, connect on social media @CoLinAlumni, or visit the website www.colin.edu/alumni-foundation.

John Mark Hamilton, Class of '97

Meet the New Alumni Association Officers!

Mark Hamilton - President

Hamilton graduated from Co-Lin in 1979. While at Co-Lin, Hamilton was a member of Student Council, Circle K, President's Council, the Trillium staff, choir, Sojourners, the Blue Wave Band, and was sophomore class treasurer. He graduated from Mississippi College with a bachelor's degree in church music performance and a master's degree in music performance. He also received a master's degree in religious education from New Orleans Theological Seminary.

For more than 40 years, Hamilton has been a music minister throughout Mississippi and is currently serving at Tangipahoa Baptist Church. He is also a social studies teacher at Provine High School. He is an active member of the Co-Lin Band & Colette Alumni chapter. Hamilton and his wife Elizabeth have four children, Cherish, Adam, Joshua and Laci, and two grandchildren, Cameron and Kelly Grace.

Stephenie Sullivan - Vice President

Sullivan graduated from Co-Lin in 1997. While at Co-Lin, Sullivan was a member of the Drama Club, and Color Guard. After Co-Lin, Sullivan attended the University of Southern Mississippi where she graduated in 2000 with a bachelor of arts in speech-language and audiology. She went on to receive her master's in business administration from the University of South Alabama in 2003.

Sullivan previously worked as a senior manager at Wells Enterprises and as a sales consultant, professional development, and leadership coach at Sullivan, LLC before returning to Co-Lin. Since July 2019, Sullivan has worked as the director of workforce development at Co-Lin. She is part of the Homochitto Heritage Club (a General Federation of Women's Clubs organization), and the Association of Junior League International (Mobile / Boise / Northwest Arkansas). Sullivan is also an active member of Meadville United Methodist Church.

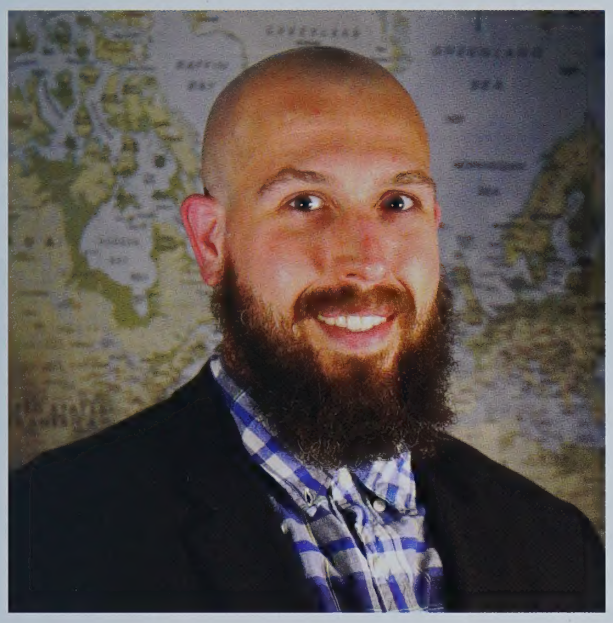
Whitney Clark - Secretary

Clark graduated from Co-Lin in 2011 with high honors. While at Co-Lin, Clark was involved in numerous campus organizations such as Sigma Kappa Delta, Phi Beta Lambda, Student Government Association, President's and Judicial Council, Phi Theta Kappa, Future Teachers of America, Wolf Tales, the Academic Team and Microcosm Staff, and was a Diamond Doll and Trailblazer. She was also a Class Favorite, voted Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges, and was crowned as Co-Lin's 2010 Homecoming Queen. After Co-Lin, Clark attended Mississippi State University and graduated in 2014 with a bachelor of arts in communications and public relations.

Clark is the office manager at Payn and Leggett, CPAs in Brookhaven. She is a member of the Junior Auxiliary of Brookhaven and is an active member of Thayer Church of Christ. She is also an independent marketing specialist and co-creator of Table Talks with the Twins.

Alumnus of the Year

Logan Douglas



Logan and his wife Carla sporting their new Co-Lin gear in Iceland!

To watch Douglas' acceptance speech online, scan the QR code with the camera on your smart phone.

Martin Logan Douglas of Reykjavik, Iceland, originally of Wesson, was selected as the 2020 Alumnus of the Year of Copiah-Lincoln Community College. He was recognized virtually on the college's social media platforms during Homecoming week.

Douglas is a 2006 and 2013 graduate of Co-Lin where he graduated with honors. While at Co-Lin pursuing his first degree, Douglas was captain of the Scholar's Bowl team, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, campus coordinator for the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi, William Winter Scholar recipient, and selected as Who's Who Among American Community College Students.

After graduating in 2006, Douglas joined the Mississippi Army National Guard, serving on active duty for almost 12 years, which included one deployment to Iraq in 2009. While he served on active duty, Douglas was active in the community as the JV academic team coach at Wesson Attendance Center, a Bible teacher and mentor for 8-10-year-old boys at City Church in Jackson, and went on three mission trips (one to Guatemala and two to Moldova). In 2008, Douglas was awarded as the 106th Brigade Support Battalion Soldier of the Year. He was also an NBC Defense Course Distinguished Honor Graduate, named to the Commandants List at the Unit Supply Senior Leaders Course, twice awarded the Army Commendation Medal, and a six-time recipient of the Army Achievement Medal.

In 2011, Douglas became the Mississippi Army National Guard Recruiter for the Wesson geographic area and set-up his office on Co-Lin's Wesson campus. When Co-Lin established the Military Technology degree, Douglas was the first to pursue it, which led to his second Co-Lin degree in 2013.

Douglas also earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy in Ethics from American Military University and a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry in Pastoral Counseling from Liberty University.

Feeling called to ministry, Douglas became the Young Adult Pastor at First Baptist Church in Ridgeland. In 2018, Douglas took an honorable discharge from the military to answer the missionary call to go to Iceland with his wife, Carla.

Douglas has served as an elder of the only Icelandic Baptist Church in the entire country, currently serves as a board member for The Iceland Project, an initiative that exists to see gospel-centered churches planted in Iceland, and is setting out to plant an international English-speaking church in Reykjavik this year.

Douglas is currently pursuing a Master of Divinity from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with the intent to pursue a Ph.D. in Theology and Religion from the University of Iceland.

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Athletic Alumni Association inducted four members into the Sports Hall of Fame for the Class of 2020. A private ceremony was held on the Wesson campus to recognize the honorees on September 1, where each honoree was video recorded and presented with a plaque. The honorees were recognized virtually at the October 8th Homecoming game. This year's class included Debra Barnes Black of Brookhaven, Glenn Davis of Wesson, Jackie Stowe Johnson of Wesson, and Exavier "Nook" Logan of Natchez.

Debra Barnes Black

Debra Barnes Black of Brookhaven is a 1989 graduate of Co-Lin where she was a member of the Lady Wolves basketball team and named MACJC First Team All-State her sophomore year. Black was part of the NJCAA Region XXIII Championship Team that had a record of 25-7. She also helped lead the team to a NJCAA National Tournament 4th place finish. Black averaged 15.9 points, 8.6 rebounds, and 1.6 steals during the '88-'89 regular season. Following her sophomore season, Black had 13 scholarship offers to continue playing basketball, including an offer from the University of Florida.

Gwyn Young presenting to Debra Barnes Black

However, after Co-Lin, Black forewent playing Division I basketball in order to begin working to help her siblings and family. In 1998, she was in a serious accident that left her disabled for 13 years. Despite the accident, Black was able to overcome many obstacles and spent six years working at West Lincoln School, after working her way up from substitute teaching. Currently, Black works in the Lincoln County Tax Assessor's office and has been there since 2012.

Black is an active member at New Beginning Church in Brookhaven, where she sings in the choir and serves on the pastor's aid committee. She is married to Patrick Black and is proud aunt of Myeshia Barnes, Latrell Barnes, Damien Turner, and Gregory Turner.

Glenn Davis

Glenn Davis of Wesson graduated with a bachelor's degree from Delta State University in 1982 and a master's degree from Mississippi State University in 1987. Davis became the head football coach at Co-Lin in 2004. Prior to Co-Lin, Davis coached at Mississippi State University as a running backs coach, and held other various coaching positions at Co-Lin, Holmes Community College, University of North Alabama, and South Natchez High. While coaching at Mississippi State, the Bulldogs led the Southeastern Conference in rushing in 2000, and were ranked third in rushing in 1998. At MSU, Davis also coached James Johnson to the fourth and fifth-ever 1,000-yard seasons in 1997 and 1998 and Dicenzo Miller to the sixth-ever 1,000-yard season in 2000.

Ray Ishee presenting to Glenn Davis

During Davis' coaching tenure at Co-Lin, the Wolf Pack football team has been MACJC South Division Champions and MACJC State Runners-Up in 2006, 2010 and 2014. In 2012, Co-Lin won the MACJC State Championship after finishing second in the South Division and played in the Mississippi Bowl. During the 2015 season, Co-Lin ranked 4th in the national polls and had 22 players sign four-year scholarships, with 20 of those being for a Division I football program. In 2018, Co-Lin made it to the MACJC playoffs for the fifth time while ranking 18th in the country and boasted a 100% graduation rate of all sophomore players.

Davis is the all-time winningest head football coach in Co-Lin

The honorees were joined by Dr. Jane Hulon Sims (middle) for a group photo.

history and has been selected as MACJC Coach of the Year in 2006, 2014, and 2018. He has also had over 225 student-athletes sign and play at many different four-year universities, and had starters in the SEC, Big 12, ACC and other national conferences. Additionally, Davis has had several players drafted in the NFL including first-round draft picks Montez Sweat and Nick Fairley, and second-round draft picks Tony Bryant and Randy Thomas.

Davis and his wife Minta have two children, Micah (wife Ashley) and Ann Shelby (husband Josh Smith), and three grandchildren, Brooke and Cannan Davis, and Jackson Smith.

Jackie Stowe Johnson

Jackie Stowe Johnson of Wesson is a 2006 graduate of Co-Lin where she was a two-year standout second baseman and pitcher for the Lady Wolves softball team. She helped lead the 2006 team to a MACJC State Championship title, a NJCAA Region 23 Championship, and a third-place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament. Johnson was named First Team All-State and All-Region, was a distinguished Academic All-American, and NFCA All-American Scholar Athlete. During her two years at Co-Lin, Johnson batted .393, with a .525 on base percentage, drove in 64 runs, stole 26 times, drew 21 walks, scored 61 runs, and held an impressive .953 fielding percentage. As a pitcher, she held a 6-0 record and a 2.83 ERA. Outside of softball, she was also inducted into the Co-Lin Hall of Fame and was a Taylor Presidential Scholar.

Jackie Stowe Johnson receiving from Allen Kent

After Co-Lin, Johnson played softball for two years at Delta State University where she received the Lady Statesman Award. She was also named to the Athletic Director's Hall of Fame. Johnson received a bachelor's degree in 2008 and a master's degree in 2010, both from Delta State University.

Johnson currently teaches Geometry, Algebra III, and ACT Prep at Wesson Attendance Center, where she also coached from 2009-2014. During that time, Johnson won multiple Slowpitch Region Championships, as well as one Fastpitch Region Championship. In 2013, the team was 2A South State Runner-up in Fastpitch and Johnson was named the *Daily Leader's* All-Area Fastpitch Softball Coach of the Year. Johnson was a Co-Lin assistant softball coach from 2015-2018.

Johnson is a former member of the Mississippi Association of Coaches. She and her husband Nick are members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and have three children, Reagan, MaKinley, and Jace.

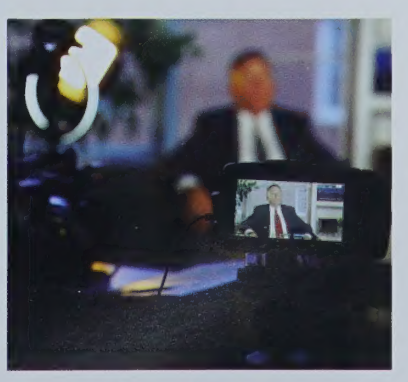
Exavier "Nook" Logan

Nook Logan receiving from Keith Case

Nook Logan of Natchez is a 2000 Co-Lin graduate where he was a member of the Wolf Pack baseball team and Phi Theta Kappa honor society. He was named First Team All-State and All-Region, and All-Tournament at the World Series. He was a member of Co-Lin's first ever MACJC South State Championship team in 2000. That same year, the team also won the NJCAA Region 23 Championship, NJCAA Central District Championship, finished fourth place in the NJCAA Division-II World Series, was ranked No. 4 in the nation academically, and set a school record of 47 wins during the season. Logan set a school record of 47 stolen bases and held the World Series Tournament record for most stolen bases.

After Co-Lin, Logan was a third-round pick of the Detroit Tigers and the first player drafted from the state of Mississippi in the 2000 Major League Baseball draft. He made his major league debut in 2004 against the Kansas City Royals and was named the Detroit Tigers' Rookie of the Year in 2004. Logan played for the Washington Nationals during the 2006-2007 season and was recognized as the fastest player in Major League Baseball that same year. During his major league career, Logan had 870 at bats with a .268 batting average. Logan was also featured numerous times on ESPN Top Web Gems.

Logan is an active volunteer in the Natchez community and founded Miss-Lou Youth Activities Association in 2015 as a way to give local youth the opportunity to play organized basketball. The association helps teach children the basic fundamentals of the sport, while also focusing on character and other aspects of team sports and later expanded to include cheerleading. Logan and his girlfriend Krystal Knight are parents to Kameryn and Kalaeni.



Members of the Sports Hall of Fame and new honorees enjoying a private luncheon on the Wesson campus while also filming awards recognitions.

Blandon

Brady

Parker

Crace

Thibodeaux

The Co-Lin Alumni Association honored five outstanding faculty and staff members during Co-Lin's annual fall convocation held virtually on Zoom. Those honored from the Wesson campus were Don Blandon of Bogue Chitto, Christopher Brady of Ridgeland, and Julia Parker of Brookhaven. Michelle Crace of Magee was the Simpson County Center honoree, and Denise Thibodeaux of Natchez was recognized for the Natchez campus.

Don Blandon

Blandon was selected as Outstanding Career/Technical Instructor for the Wesson campus. He has been employed at Co-Lin since 2015, where he is an instructor in the welding program. Blandon received his welding certificate from Co-Lin in 1998. He is also a National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Craft Instructor. Blandon previously worked for Wastequip in Brookhaven. He is a member of Living Word Faith Ministry. Blandon has three children, Don Jr., Damon, and Jasmine.

Christopher Brady

Brady was selected as Outstanding Academic Instructor for the Wesson campus. He has been employed at Co-Lin since 2015, and was a 1995 graduate of Mississippi College. Brady also received a master of arts and a master of fine arts degrees from the University of Mississippi. He previously worked as an instructor at East Central Community College. Brady is a member of St. Columbs Episcopal Church and is a volunteer at the Lone House food shelter. He and his wife Leanne live in Ridgeland.

Julia Parker

Parker was selected as Outstanding Staff Member for the Wesson campus. She has been employed at Co-Lin since 2007, and serves as the Director of Human Resources. She has a bachelor's degree from Jackson State University and a master's degree from the University of Mississippi. Parker is also an adjunct instructor for Mississippi Virtual Community College. She is a Society for Human Resource Management Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) and is a licensed professional in human resources from the HR Certification Institute. Parker is a member of Bethel AME Church in Brookhaven where she serves as church secretary, young people's and children's division director, and stewardess. She is a life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She and her husband Louis ('00 Co-Lin alum), have two children, Louis X. ('17 Co-Lin alum), and Julian (Co-Lin freshman).

Michelle Crace

Crace was selected as Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member for the Simpson County Center. She has been employed at Co-Lin since 2005, where she is an English instructor and an academic chair. Crace has a bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and a master's degree from William Carey University. Prior to Co-Lin, she was an English teacher at Mize Attendance Center and Hunt Academy. Crace is a member of St. Stephens Catholic Church in Magee. She and her husband Nathan have three children, Emily, Cameron, and Cole.

Denise Thibodeaux

Thibodeaux was selected as Outstanding Faculty/Staff Member for the Natchez campus. She has bachelor's and master's degrees from Delta State University. Thibodeaux has been employed at Co-Lin since 2012, where she started as an adjunct faculty member teaching Anatomy and Physiology and dual enrollment classes at Cathedral High School. She became a full-time instructor of biological sciences at Co-Lin in 2018. Prior to Co-Lin, she taught at St. Joseph High School in Madison and was an adjunct faculty member at Holmes Community College in Ridgeland. Thibodeaux is a member of the Pilgrimage Garden Club, the Science Teaching Excites Medical Interest (STEMI) program at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and is regional director of the Southwest Mississippi Science Olympiad. She is a member of St. Mary Basilica Catholic Church in Natchez. She and her husband Dan have three children, Ansleigh, Owen, and Emma.

Congratulations 2020 Honorees!

Janet Douglas Blackmon

Class of 1976

Hall of Fame

LaToya Bradley Parker

Class of 2006

Outstanding Young Alum

Due to the special circumstances of COVID-19, the Band & Colette Alumni Chapter is making plans to recognize their 2020 honorees prior to the Spring Band Concert. These plans are still tentative at this time.

BAND & COLETTE ALUMNI CHAPTER

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PRINCESS BALL

Out of an abundance of caution, the 10th Annual Princess Ball will be postponed until 2022.

JOIN TODAY!

Any band member, Colette, or auxiliary band member is invited to join the chapter. The chapter participates in fundraisers and functions related to the Co-Lin band. Dues are $10 for an annual membership or $100 for a lifetime. Join online today at www.colin.edu/alumni-foundation/alumni-association/

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HOMECOMING 2020

The Co-Lin Wolves faced off against the Pearl River Wildcats for the Homecoming game and came out on top with a 27-24 victory!

Homecoming 2020 was unlike any other Homecoming the college has experienced ever before. Stone Stadium was limited to 25% capacity, there was no halftime performance by the Blue Wave Show Band, no reunion groups gathered, no awards were presented at a luncheon, and no faces were painted at a tailgate party. As disappointing as these new, unusual, and special circumstances were that surrounded the beloved tradition of Co-Lin Homecoming, one thing remained steadfast: The Spirit of Homecoming.

If you kept up with the Co-Lin Alumni social media pages, you would have seen alumni from all decades and from all experiences sharing their stories and memories from Co-Lin, reminding us all what it meant, and still means, to be a Co-Lin Family. There were stories of lifelong friendships forming, spouses falling in love, musicians sharing their talents, athletes giving their all, and so much more. Without physically coming together, our stories and memories kept us all connected as one.

In spite of the challenges 2020 presented, the Alumni Association was pleased to recognize Logan Douglas as Alumnus of the Year on the videoboard at halftime. Debra Barnes Black, Glenn Davis, Jackie Stowe Johnson, and Exavier "Nook" Logan were also recognized as this year's inductees into the Sports Hall of Fame. The Band & Colette Alumni Chapter will recognize their honorees, Janet Douglas Blackmon and LaToya Bradley Parker in the spring.

If you haven't already, visit @CoLinAlumni on Facebook and Instagram to check out so many incredible memories from your Co-Lin family and share in the spirit that will never fade of what Homecoming is all about.

Homecoming Court

While rain may have kept the court from being presented on the field, it certainly didn't stop the celebration as Hannah Newsome of Magee was crowned Copiah-Lincoln Community College's 2020 Homecoming Queen. Above, Newsome is pictured (center) with 2019 Homecoming Queen Carly Polk, her cousin Darren Clay, and Dr. Jane Hulon Sims.

Wesson Maids

From left: Freshmen Kelly Brister, Madi Miller, and Anna Tyson, Queen Hannah Newsome, and Sophomores Leah Beth Luckey, Victoria Jones, and Ainsley Allen.

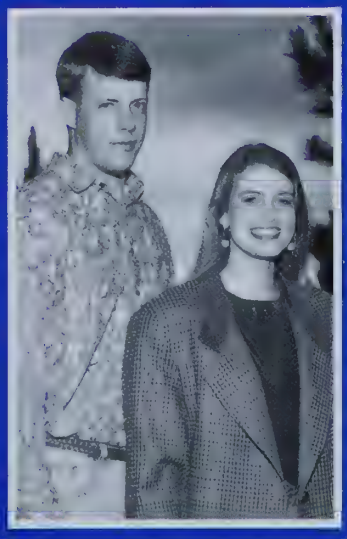
Natchez Maids

From left: Freshmen Tamber Lee and Zuri Brown, Queen Hannah Newsome, and Sophomores Jamira Bracey and Asia Robinson.

Simpson Maids

From left: Freshmen Emily Magee and Hattie Grace Ashmore, Queen Hannah Newsome, and Sophomores Chelsia Smith and Hannah Thornton.

We Are Family–Alumni Spotight



Chad and Kristy Earles Ashmore of Magee are 1994 graduates of Co-Lin. While at Co-Lin, Chad was a member of the Wolf Pack football team, the Student Government Association, the Art Club, and was secretary of the sophomore class. Kristy was president of the Student Government Association, a member of the President's Council, and was freshman class president. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Omega, Future Teachers of America, and the Baptist Student Union. She was also chosen as 1992-93 Most Beautiful, was a homecoming maid both years, and was co-captain of the cheerleading squad. Together, the couple was voted Mr. and Miss Co-Lin.

Chad is manager of project development at Upchurch Services. He enjoys officiating MAIS and JUCO football and coaching his son's travel baseball team.

Kristy is in her 25th year of teaching first grade in Simpson County, where she has been named teacher of the year at Magee Elementary and Simpson Central, and has also been selected as a STAR teacher. She serves as director of Magee's Miss Hospitality Pageant.

They are members of Corinth Baptist Church in Magee where Chad serves as Sunday School director and Kristy sings in the choir and helps with Children's Bible Drill. They are proud parents of Hattie Grace Ashmore, a 2020 freshman maid representing the Simpson County Center, and son Jack.

Golden Grads

by Anna Grider

From left: Mary Shivers, Margaret Britt, Bruce Irvin and Charles Hart

In keeping with the theme of 2020, the Homecoming reunion for the golden anniversary class of 1970 had to be handled with a bit of a twist this year. While gathering for a large reunion was not possible, a unique group of four graduates gathered for a safe, socially-distanced, miniature reunion in the Mutton Building in November.

What was so unique about these four individuals from the 50-year reunion class? They all came back to work at Co-Lin, and have either already retired, or will retire from Co-Lin someday.

Charles Ray Hart, Mary Cole Shivers, Margaret Smith Britt, and Bruce Irvin have all returned to call Co-Lin home over the past half century; and combined, these four have dedicated more than 156 years (and counting) in service to Co-Lin.

Charles Hart, an accounting instructor and manager of the Co-Lin bookstore, started working at Co-Lin in 1972 and shows no signs of retiring any time soon. "I enjoy every year here," Hart said. "Otherwise I would have left long ago. This place is my home. While we don't make the most money here, I never had the desire to leave."

As a student, Hart was program chairman for the Student Christian Association, a member of the Baptist Student Union and Phi Beta Lambda, and worked in the bookstore. He even met his wife Wanda while they were both students at Co-Lin. It was Hart's connection to the Co-Lin bookstore and Mr. Fred Thompson, who Hart said made the biggest impression on him, that originally brought Hart back to Co-Lin after he graduated from Delta State University.

"I worked for Mr. Thompson as a work study student and he contacted me to see if I'd be interested in taking over his job," Hart said. "Back then the hiring process was a bit more informal. I don't think I ever interviewed. When he retired, I took over teaching his full load and continued to manage the bookstore. Back then it was the bookstore in the grill and more of a storeroom operation. It wasn't always a self-service bookstore."

Mary Shivers, who remarked about how delicious those chili cheeseburgers were that Hart would whip up in the grill/bookstore, fondly remembers growing up around campus as her mother was a teacher there at the time. Shivers was vice president of the Student Government Association, and a member of the Baptist Student Union and Phi Theta Kappa. For Shivers, even the faculty who have left lasting impressions on so many students that have come through Co-Lin, would feel like family.

"You just knew everybody," Shivers said. "I'll never forget Dr. Lanier. She could write with one hand and erase with the other. If you don't believe me, you should have been in the class. It would go up and come right back down all in one motion."

Coming back to work at Co-Lin was a longtime dream come true for Shivers, who shared the story of hand-writing not one, but two letters, to Co-Lin asking to be considered should a position ever come available in the Medical Laboratory Technology program. "Nothing happened to either of those letters," Shivers said, "and I worked from '72-'93 in various area hospitals."

Finally, in 1993 the position of Medical Laboratory Tech-

nology program director and instructor came available and Shivers was offered the job. "Somehow, I had missed the point that it was for program director," Shivers said while laughing. "It was on the phone call offering me the job that I discovered it was for program director and not just an instructor position."

Margaret Smith Britt, who lived right across the hall from Shivers, remarked, "there was no Brookhaven or Loyd Star, no county schools versus city schools. When you came to Co-Lin, you were all Co-Lin now." She continued, "We ate together, we slept together, we went to the community bathroom together. We did everything together and that made us all really feel like family."

Britt, who was a member of the Wesley Foundation, the Baptist Student Union, was Circle K Sweetheart, and a sophomore maid on the Homecoming court, couldn't help but share stories of how different dorm life was back then between boys and girls. From having different curfews, to having to be signed out to leave campus, and to only being allowed to go on dates on Thursday nights, Britt shared how as freshmen, they used to rate the kisses of all the couples dropping girls off back at their dorms saying, "it was just some of those silly freshman things we all used to do."

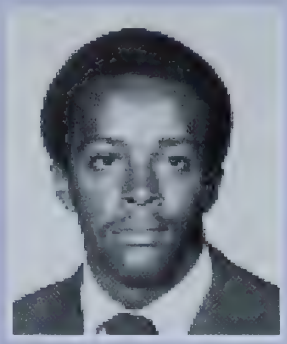
As a member of the Co-Lin faculty for over 45 years, Britt, who has taught classes in the career/technical division, served as the director of distance learning for a few years, and is currently doing what she loves best – teaching computer applications in the classroom. She reflected back on the legacy her former teachers had on her as she hopes to leave the same legacy for her students.

"If I think back on part of my life, I think of Mr. Ricks. If I think in another part, I think about Coach Turk and his wife Katrina. If I think about the science department, I think about Dr. Strickland and his wife Carol. I also think about Miss Weems," said Britt. "As teachers, more of what we do is not what we teach our students, it's how we make them feel about who they are and what they can do. And that's why I still teach."

As the stories continued to flow, the group reminisced on the time they painted the Southwest bear ahead of the big game with their rival, and shaving freshmen boys' heads so that they had to walk around in beanies as a part of initiation. There was also the long line you had to wait in to use the one pay phone booth, while everyone else listened to your conversation.

However, not all students at that time were able to walk away with the same experience of Co-Lin. **Bruce Irvin** was part of the very first group of black students to integrate into Co-Lin, paving the way for so many students to come long after him. As a member of the band from 6th – 12th grade, Irvin was not allowed to play in the band while he was a student at Co-Lin. Irvin also recounted stories about sitting down on the bench in the cafeteria just to watch everyone else get up and walk out.

To Irvin, Mrs. Juanita Thomas, who served as a hostess and dietician in the cafeteria, "was a doll." He remembered her saying, "'This is my boy here. Ain't nobody better mess with him.'"



"We went through quite a lot back then," said Irvin. "As I sit here and reminisce about then, I'm just so happy that God made changes and opportunities for everyone that wants to apply themselves. In fact, when I graduated, I said I would never come back. The Lord had a different plan for me."

After graduating, Irvin went to work at Amos Shipbuilding for the next six years before then president Dr. Billy Thames recruited Irvin to come to work at Co-Lin. He went on to lead the welding program at the college for 37 years before his retirement in 2013. In 2018, the welding lab was renamed the Bruce Irvin Welding Lab in his honor.

"When I did come back to Co-Lin, I wanted to make a difference and care for everybody and make it different from what it was like as a student for me," said Irvin. "Coming back and seeing the change, enjoying the change, growing with the change, and becoming close with all of my peers was when I really grew into being part of the Co-Lin family. I feel a big part of the Co-Lin family, but it was a long experience and a life experience."

As Hart, Shivers, Britt, and Irvin all echoed, none of them came to teach for the money, and money certainly isn't what kept them coming back to campus day after day, year after year. They came for the students. They came for the Co-Lin family.

Another remarkable part of this golden anniversary group, is how for them, the phrase Co-Lin family can also be taken quite literally. Shivers met her husband David at Co-Lin, and her mother, brother and two daughters also attended. Hart met his wife Wanda at Co-Lin and their three children all attended. Both daughters met their husbands at Co-Lin, and a daughter and daughter-in-law are both currently employed at the college. Britt's husband Gene "Moochie," is also a 1970 graduate, both of their sons attended Co-Lin, and their oldest son now teaches at the college. Irvin's wife Belinda and their four children all attended Co-Lin, and one of his daughters is past president of the Alumni Association.

For these four individuals, Co-Lin wasn't just "the place to be." Co-Lin is home, and Co-Lin is their family.

Foundation Board Welcomes New Member

BARRY TYSON

Barry Tyson of Meadville was recently appointed to serve on the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation Board. He graduated from Co-Lin in 1986 before graduating from Mississippi College with a bachelor of arts degree in business management. Tyson is the owner of Franklin Ready-Mix in Bude.

Tyson has previously served on the Co-Lin Foundation Board in the 90's and has been a member of the Co-Lin Board of Trustees for over 10 years, where he now serves as secretary. He is a lifetime member of the Co-Lin Alumni Association where he has previously been secretary, vice president, and president of the alumni board.

Tyson and his wife Susan are members of Bude Church of God. They have three children, Braden (attending Co-Lin), Anna (attending Co-Lin) and Caden.

The Foundation Board consists of a 25-member Board of Directors, and includes the chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary of the college Board of Trustees.

"We are pleased to welcome Barry back to our board," Angela Furr, executive director of the Foundation said. "His long history of service and involvement with Co-Lin will be an asset to the Foundation as we pursue our mission of support to the college."

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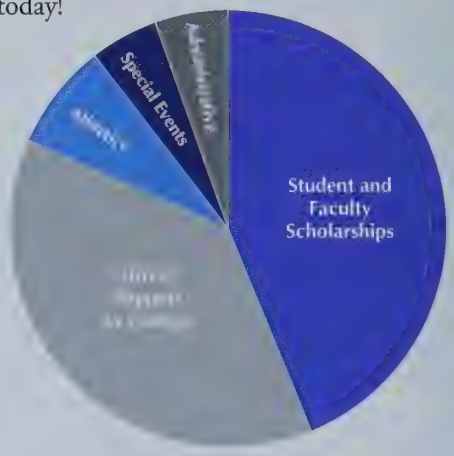

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Alumni Spotlight

Allen Sutton is a 2003 graduate of Copiah-Lincoln Community College. While at Co-Lin, Sutton was a member of the African American Student Club and the Poetry Club. After Co-Lin, he attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he received a bachelor of arts in psychology in 2004 and a master of education degree in college student personnel in 2005. In 2019, he earned a doctorate of education in higher education administration from the University of Alabama. Sutton also completed a certificate program in Multicultural Education from the University of Nevada – Las Vegas in 2021. As a first-generation college student, Sutton made it his mission to obtain every degree he could as a show of appreciation for the sacrifices his parents, Clova and Levester of Monticello, had made for him throughout his life.

Sutton began his career at Texas Tech University where he served as a residence life coordinator for University Housing, assistant director of Student Diversity Relations, and assistant director for Multicultural Greek Life, before becoming the assistant director for student engagement and leadership at Texas A&M University. From 2014-2019, Sutton worked as the director of the Cross-Cultural Center for Excellence at Auburn University. He currently works at Washington State University as the executive director for outreach and education.

Sutton and his wife LaToya Smith-Sutton reside in Pullman, Washington with their two children, Aresia and Chandler.

Check out what Sutton had to say about his favorite memories from his time at Co-Lin:

"With the African American Student Club, we traveled to Atlanta for a black history trip. A group of eight students rode to Atlanta in a van and it was one of my most memorable times in college. We visited MLK's childhood home, his church, the MLK center, and we visited several fun sites in Atlanta from the underground mall to the Coca-Cola factory. I made some lifelong friendships and learned so much history about the civil rights movement and MLK's role in it. It was truly a great experience.

I won 1st ptize (I think) in a poetry contest that I participated in while there. I say I think, because it was so long ago that I am not 100% what place… but I remember the award ceremony and how proud my parents were that I had won an award for something other than sports!

The college held a concert in front of the cafeteria of a local band that covered rock and alternative music. My friends were very skeptical as that wasn't our favorite music… but we went and had so much fun as we were all packed into the courtyard space with hundreds of other students and just having so much fun. We were jumping around and playing the air guitar. It's a memory that my friends and I talk about even now."

4 Four Generations:

by Anna Grider

For the Miller/Rutledge/King family, Co-Lin just seems to be part of their DNA. Four generations later, their love for Co-Lin only continues to grow as the family Wolf Pack legacy continues.

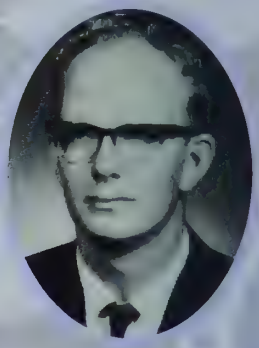
It all began with Edith Miller, a 1925 graduate of Co-Lin High School. Having grown up in Wesson, she attended Co-Lin and afterwards taught at Loyd Star, Heucks Retreat and Arlington. She married T.J. Rutledge in 1934 and remained in the home as a wife and mother. She and her husband had two children, both of whom graduated from Co-Lin, Jack ('58) and Percy ('62).

Edith Miller Rutledge

Continuing the Co-Lin legacy, Percy graduated from the high school in 1959 and the college in 1962. Growing up on a dairy farm in the Heucks Retreat community in Brookhaven, Rutledge didn't have time to be involved with clubs and other organizations on campus, saying "I got up and milked the cows. I went home and milked the cows."

However, Rutledge didn't let work and family obligations get in the way of making lasting memories with his classmates at Co-Lin.

"When I came here, there were probably two people in the high school that I knew. I didn't know anyone and there were people here that sort of adopted me." Rutledge added, "We had lunch in the cafeteria family style. They'd bring the food and put it on the table, we'd empty it, and someone would go back to the kitchen for more. Every day we'd have the same little group that would go and eat together."



Percy Paxton Rutledge

In true Co-Lin family style, Fanny Callendar was running the kitchen at that time, and as it happens, she was "some kind of cousin of my mother," Rutledge said.

After Co-Lin, Rutledge went on to attend the University of Southern Mississippi before beginning his career with South Farm Credit where he worked for 37 years. At the age of 25, Rutledge was introduced to Sarah Nell and the two have been married for 53 years and counting. The couple had two children, Brian ('95) and Lydia ('90).

For their daughter, Lydia Rutledge King, a 1990 graduate, coming to Co-Lin was never a question. After taking the ACT as a tenth grader, King had the score she needed to go to Co-Lin and never took

Edith Miller Rutledge
Class of 1925

Percy Paxton Rutledge
Class of 1962

Lydia Rutledge King
Class of 1990

Sarah Beth King
Class of 2021

We're all Still Wolves

Lydia Rutledge King

Sarah Beth King

the test again. She said, "I had what I needed to go to Co-Lin and I just knew that I was going."

As a student, King was involved with the Student Government Association and was a campus favorite. She also didn't miss a single football game, both home and away, during her two years at Co-Lin.

"What I enjoyed about Co-Lin is the bigger pool of people you have to become friends with," King said. "I love sports and found a group of friends that had a lot of the same interests. I thought I had been to ball games where there were rivals, but I got the chance to go with friends to the Magee vs. Mendenhall football game and talk about rivals – I'd never been to a high school football game like that and haven't been to another one like that either!"

For King, not only did she form lifelong friendships outside of the classroom, but the influence of the late Dr. Durr Walker inside the classroom forever shaped the trajectory of her life. As an English teacher at Loyd Star, King said, "My favorite subject to teach is British Literature and I'll tell anybody that the reason I teach and love teaching is because of Durr Walker. He made me appreciate literature."

"I wish I could bottle up the love I have for Co-Lin and send it out to all places," King said. "I simply just love Co-Lin."

After Co-Lin, King earned a bachelor's degree from Alcorn State University and a master's degree from Belhaven University. She and her husband Chris ('83) (whose father Charlie King is a member of the Co-Lin Sports Hall of Fame and was actually Percy Rutledge's history teacher in high school) have one daughter, Sarah Beth.

As the fourth generation to attend Co-Lin, Sarah Beth King will graduate in 2021 with a business office technology degree. While at Co-Lin, she has been a Diamond Doll and involved with the Baptist Student Union.

"Growing up I knew I wanted to go to Co-Lin," King said. "Hearing Mama's and Poppa's stories, and having Mama and Daddy take me to all of the home games, I knew I wanted to go to Co-Lin. I've made the best memories and the best part has been meeting new people. These have been the best three years of my life."

Much like Hollywood's 'six degrees of Kevin Bacon,' for the Rutledge/King families, everything with Co-Lin always seems to come full circle.

"No matter where you go, you always meet somebody that either went to Co-Lin or had a family member that went to Co-Lin and there's some kind of connection," said Lydia King. "Generations later and we're all still Wolves."

In 2012, Rutledge (far right) and his classmates celebrated their 50-year reunion at Homecoming.

Sarah Beth and Lydia enjoying Co-Lin's Homecoming game in 2013.

Georgia Pacific Funds New Engineering Laboratory

The Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation recently received a donation from Georgia Pacific to establish a new engineering laboratory on the Wesson campus along with support for the Seawolves Underwater Robotics Engineering program.

The new engineering laboratory will be an integral component of Co-Lin's Pre-Engineering academic program. With this program, Co-Lin strives to best prepare students from its surrounding Mississippi counties for university engineering curricula. The Science Division at Co-Lin currently offers two engineering courses, Introduction to Engineering and Introduction to Engineering Design, and will soon offer Computer-Aided Graphic Communication.

The lab will incorporate a presentation/discussion area with laboratory-style tables available for hands-on activities, and computer work stations offering engineering design/graphics software, such as SOLIDWORKS, and computational software, such as MATLAB. The lab will foster students' exploration into all engineering disciplines, with the near-term objective of promoting student involvement in local industry and technical organizations, such as the Mississippi Engineering Society.

Both the Seawolves Robotics program and the new engineering laboratory will integrate students from the academic and career-technical areas of the college. Funding for the Seawolves allows the team to purchase needed supplies and equipment as well as assist in competition travel expenses.

"The Science Division has been looking to expand our engineering design class for some time. This grant will give us the opportunity to build an engineering lab for student-led engineering projects. I am very thankful for this generous donation from Georgia Pacific," said Co-Lin Science Division chair and Seawolves advisor Dr. Kevin McKone.

"Partners like Georgia Pacific are vital to the success of Co-Lin's mission to educate students and provide skilled workers for the community, state, and beyond," said Co-Lin President Dr. Jane Hulon Sims. "I am grateful for their generosity that will help our Pre-Engineering program and our students to flourish."

Contributions to any scholarship at Co-Lin can be mailed to the Co-Lin Foundation at P. O. Box 649, Wesson, MS 39191, using the form provided (page 12), or online at www.colin.edu/alumni-foundation/give-now/.

Thomas A. Ross Art Scholarship Endowed

The Thomas A. Ross Art Scholarship was recently endowed with the Copiah-Lincoln Community College Foundation and named in honor of retired instructor Tom Ross of Wesson.

Ross was a 1972 graduate of Mississippi College where he majored in art, and a 1974 graduate of the University of Georgia where he received a masters in fine arts and majored in painting and drawing. In 1975, Ross began his 38-year teaching career at Co-Lin where he was an instructor in the art department. Ross was named Outstanding Instructor of the Year in 1987 and retired from Co-Lin in 2013.

As a former student and long-time colleague of Ross, Janet Smith, now in her 34th year as an instructor in Co-Lin's art department, worked to create the scholarship to honor Ross' legacy at Co-Lin. In addition to private donations, Smith helped sell prints of an original watercolor Ross created of the Co-Lin nature trail titled "Two Roads" to raise funds for the scholarship.

"I wouldn't be where I am if it weren't for Tom. When I came to Co-Lin [as a student] I had never had any art classes and I took some just because I wanted to. Once he lit that fire under me I was gone. I was on my way." Smith continued, "To then come back and work with him as long as I did was not only so much fun, but an honor at the same time. When Tom retired, I wanted to do something more for our students that would honor him as well. I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing with the students today if it hadn't been for Tom and what he did for me."

Ross is grateful to Smith for spearheading the scholarship and for those who donated. "When you work at a place for 38 years and you love what you do, for me, something like this is such a wonderful thing to have done," Ross said. "This scholarship is going to be something that after I'm gone will still be around and it will have my name on it. I appreciate that so much. I'm not sure I deserve this, but I still look back and say, 'well this is a great period at the end of a sentence.' While it is an ending, there are still more sentences to come."

Co-Lin president Dr. Jane Hulon Sims added, "We are so grateful that we have employees who love the college so much that they want to give back. This scholarship will benefit both our students and the college as a whole and I'm thrilled that the original painting Ross created will hang in the president's home. I value the story that the nature trail represents and I love that Tom painted it after his history with the college."

Many thanks to Nissan of Canton for their generous donation of 12 engines to Co-Lin's automotive technology program.

Many thanks to Morgan White, pictured above with Dr. Jacqueline Quinn, Director of Libraries and Learning Resources, and his daughter Angela White for their donation of books to the Wesson Library.

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Ladies from the Class of 1979 gathered on campus for a tour and trip down memory lane.
Pictured from left: Jeanna McManus Hartzog, Judy Barret James, Belinda Bishop Anders, Becky Summers Edwards, & Angelia Streetman DeVrient.

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- Basketball: installed a new scoreboard and replaced office windows
- Golf: purchased a new top dresser
- Football: completed an electrical upgrade and installed a new turf field

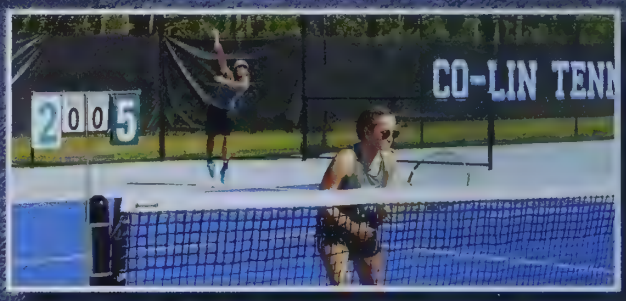
Phase 2 - Projects Completed:

- Tennis: constructed a state-of-the-art eight court tennis complex that included a storage building and shared parking with softball
- Football: installed a digital scoreboard in Stone Stadium
- Softball: installed irrigation and new outfield fencing
- Basketball: refinished the gym floor and installed new logo wall padding

Phase 3 - Coming Soon:

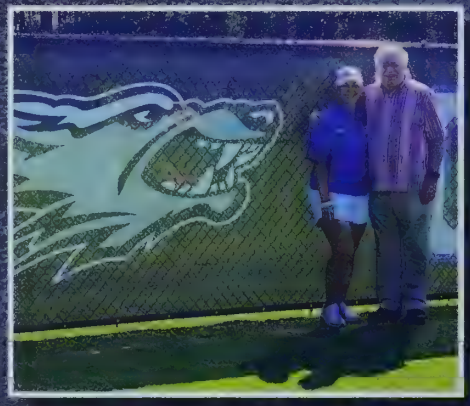
- Baseball: Sullivan Field renovations
- Basketball: Mullen Gymnasium upgrades

"It's about more than just facilities, this campaign is for the entire Co-Lin family and the growth of this great institution."
-Dr. Jane Hulon Sims



Students gathered in Stone Stadium for a movie night presented on the digital scoreboard during the week of Homecoming.

Assistant softball coach Amber Beall is pictured with her grandfather, Paul Passons, who generously donated funds to purchase a new fence for the Lady Wolves Softball program.



On November 14, more than 60 members of the community participated in the first tennis tournament held on campus in the new tennis complex. Alongside tennis coach Dana Hale were second place finishers Logan Channell and Susana Patino, first place winners Carolyn Stephens and Cory Lambert, and former Co-Lin tennis coach Rob Channell.

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Britney Clark ('11) founded Inez Queen Water, LLC, a 100% natural spring water company.

Keri Leggett ('00) and **Colby Kent** ('14) were voted the top two nurses at KDMC by The Daily Leader's Best of the Best 2020 Reader's Choice Awards.

Wallace

Rob Wallace ('08) was named new head basketball coach at Landry High School in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Britt

Bobby Britt ('63) retired from State Farm after 39 years. Britt was a member of the Co-Lin Foundation Board for many years.

Mickey Myers ('80) retired after spending nearly 40 years working in the Lincoln County public school system, most recently as superintendent. Myers was a member of the Co-Lin Board of Trustees.

Wedding Bells

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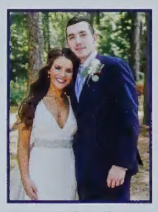
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Maddie Ogden ('17) married Heath **Hickman** ('17) on May 30, 2020.

Krhistyn Nelson ('17) married **Damani Noble** on July 29, 2020.

Bates

Bradley

Lauren Mignonne Johnson married **Tyler Keith McLeod** ('19) on August 15, 2020.

Natalie Jo McKenzie ('17) married **Andrew Bates** ('15) on August 22, 2020.

Douglas

Smith

Malori Hall ('18) married Jacob Bradley on September 5, 2020.

Adrienne Wallace ('15) married **Austin Douglas** ('16) on September 26, 2020.

Brister

Samantha Mohr (attended) married **Lane Smith** (attended) on October 3, 2020.

Mikaela Smith married **Hagen Brister** (attended) on October 3, 2020.

In Memoriam

King

Jimmie Donald Orr ('58) passed away on February 16, 2020.

John McEvoy Behan Jr. (attended) passed away on February 22, 2020.

Applewhite

Arthur H. King (attended) passed away on July 2, 2020.

Peggie Gene Leggett Applewhite (attended) passed away on July 6, 2020. Applewhite was a former nursing instructor at Co-Lin.

Stegall

Freddie R. Stegall ('59) passed away on July, 17, 2020.

Antonio Levell McGrew Sr. (attended) passed away on July 18, 2020.

Bowman

Janice "Leanne" McCaffery (attended) passed away on July 24, 2020.

Steven "Steve" Carleton Wooten ('65) passed away on August 11, 2020.

Smith

Kelby Bowman ('98) passed away on August 18, 2020.

Lillie Shannon ('74) passed away August 25, 2020. Shannon retired from Co-Lin after serving as a faculty secretary for 34 years.

Taylor

James August Smith (attended) passed away on August 28, 2020.

Shelia Hood Puryear (attended) passed away on October 17, 2020.

Shelton

Gertrude Hamilton (attended) passed away on November 9, 2020. Hamilton was a longtime Co-Lin cafeteria employee.

Ray Taylor ('69) passed away on November 13, 2020. Taylor was a longtime instructor in the Automotive Technology Department at Co-Lin.

Dear

Ruby Jean Runnels Shelton ('51) passed away on November 15, 2020.

Johnnie Ray "Butch" Dear ('66) passed away on November 25, 2020.

Wedding Bells

Brownlee

Hayden Brownlee (attended) married **Anna Morgan Smith** ('19) on October 10, 2020.

Lila Grace Hanna ('19) married **Levi Redd** ('18) on October 17, 2020.

Redd

Monica Amic (attended) married Bryce White on October 17, 2020.

White

Michelle Roberts ('08) married Jonathan Wilbourn on October 31, 2020.

Watson

Abby Koonce ('19) married Aaron Watson on October 31, 2020.

Colleen Engels ('20) married Payton Brown on November 7, 2020.

Brown

Anne Green ('17) married Riley Runnels on November 14, 2020.

Katie Stewart ('10) married **Paul Davis** ('08) on November 14, 2020.

Davis

Shelby Hart ('17) married Scott Johnson on November 21, 2020.

Johnson

Anna Phillips ('04) married **Brandon Baker** ('04) on November 21, 2020.

New Arrivals

Alex and **Ky** ('13) **Lowery** are proud parents of Easton Myers Lowery, born May 22, 2020.

Lowery

Maggie ('15) and **Grant Brister** are proud parents of Hattie Beth Brister, born June 20, 2020.

Brister

Kacy ('09) and **Josh Nelson** are proud parents of Lottie Sue Nelson, born August 25, 2020. Josh is the Cybersecurity instructor at Co-Lin.

Nelson

Sarah and **Jason Guthrie** are proud parents of Tucker Rhys Guthrie, born October 6, 2020. Jason is an assistant football coach at Co-Lin.

Guthrie

Brooklyn Twiner and **Collin** ('17) **Hall** are proud parents of Colby Gent Hall, born October 10, 2020.

Hall

Amanda ('11) and Trent **Moak** are proud parents of Anniston Marie Moak, born October 14, 2020.

Moak

Scarlett and **Matthew** ('12) **Hart** are proud parents of twin daughters, Mamie Frances and Myla Wren Hart, born October 16, 2020. Scarlett is the public relations coordinator at Co-Lin.

Hart

Kayla ('11) and Devin **Watts** are proud parents of Scarlett Elise Watts, born October 16, 2020.

Stephens

Jordan and Brad **Stephens** are proud parents of Emily Catherine Stephens, born November 18, 2020.

Jordan is the dual enrollment coordinator at Co-Lin.

On the Cover

1: From left: Dana Pyeatt ('96), Carrie Pyeatt ('20), and Judy Pyeatt ('01).

2: Seated from left: the late Juanita Thomas ('54) and Susan Thomas Diamond ('78); standing: Jennifer Diamond Little ('08), Julie Diamond Fugler ('18), and Jessica Diamond (attended).

3: From left: Trey Hough, Dawson Hough, Brandi Irvin Hough ('03), Khloe Culver, Shamara Irvin ('10), Belinda Irvin ('79), Terrell Irvin ('95), Bruce Irvin ('70), Jermaine Culver ('04), Krystle Irvin Culver ('06), Logan Hough, and Aliyah Culver. Not pictured, Eric Irvin (attended).

4: From left: Louise Kent, Erica Smith Kent ('13), Colby Kent ('14), Wanda Kent ('00), Allen Kent ('84), and Wesley Kent ('46).

5: From left: Lynn Dunaway McCullough ('84), Flint McCullough ('84), Erin McCullough Coleman ('20), Austin Coleman ('17), Pat McCullough ('63), and Peggy McCullough ('62).

6: Standing from left: Cade Lowery (attending), Connor Lowery ('16), Danny "Ky" Lowery, Jr. ('13), Slay Acy ('20); seated: Julie Slay Lowery ('89) and Jennifer Slay Smith ('93, '95), holding a photograph of the late Russel Slay ('63).

7: Seated: Wanda ('71) and Charles ('70) Hart holding Nora Hart and Monroe Lee; middle row, from left: Lucy Case, Mandy Hart Case ('97), Christy Hart Lee ('00), Paxton Lee ('01), Brooklyn Lee, and Swayze Lee; back row: Scarlett and Matthew ('12) Hart holding Mamie France & Myla Wren Hart, Ryan Case ('95), and Logan Case.

8: From left: Rachel Thames Peeples ('83), William Thames ('89), Dr. Billy Thames ('54), and Rebecca Thames Wilson ('87); seated: the late Anne Thames.

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